

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 13, with the following paragraph:

Thus, standard IEEE-ISTO-5001 in preparation provides in its 1999 version, ~~accessible, for example, on website [www.ieee-isto.org/Nexus5001](http://www.ieee-isto.org/Nexus5001)~~, a specific message exchange protocol between a monitoring circuit 18 and an analysis tool 24 for a monitoring circuit 18 requiring only a reduced number of monitoring terminals 22.